

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES  
**APPLICATION TO POSSESS, PROPAGATE, BUY AND SELL  
CERTAIN WILDLIFE IN VIRGINIA**

(Under Authority of § 29.1-412, § 29.1-103, §29.1-417 of the Code of Virginia, 4 VAC 15-20-200)

**Non-refundable Application Fee: \$12.50**

Permit (circle one): **NEW** **RENEWAL**

Previous VDGIF Permit No: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Facility Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of facility if different from above, where animal(s) will be propagated:

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\_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate Species (✓) to be Propagated (Captive-bred and raised only):**

The following species may only be sold in Virginia to bona fide research or education institutions or processed for human consumption.

- ☐ Bull Frog (*Rana catesbeiana*)
- ☐ Green Frog (*Rana clamitans melanota*)
- ☐ Southern Leopard Frog (*Rana utricularia*)
- ☐ Green Tree Frog (*Hyla cinerea*)
- ☐ Tongueless or Clawed Frog (*Xenopus spp.*) \* Must also obtain a permit to import non-native (exotic) wildlife

The following species may be propagated and sold in Virginia provided that no snakes exceeding the maximum total lengths may be sold without authorization.

- ☐ Eastern Kingsnake (*Lampropeltis getula getula*)
- ☐ Mole Kingsnake (*Lampropeltis calligaster rhombomaculata*)
- ☐ Corn Snake (*Elaphe guttata guttata*)

The following species may be propagated and sold for stocking private ponds.

- ☐ All Sunfish Family Members (Including largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, rock bass, bluegill, crappie) (**List specific species in space provided below**)
- ☐ Walleye (*Stizostedion vitreum*)
- ☐ White Bass (*Morone chrysops*)
- ☐ Chain Pickerel (*Esox niger*)
- ☐ Muskellunge (*Esox masquinongy*)
- ☐ Northern Pike (*Esox lucius*)

The following species may be propagated and sold for stocking private ponds, for bait and for commercial sale by individuals with a valid Hold and Sell permit.

- ☐ Minnows and Chubs (Family Cyprinidae) (**List specific species in space provided below**)
- ☐ Trout (including all Salmonidae) (**List specific species in space provided below**)
- ☐ Catfish (Family Ictaluridae except madtoms) (**List specific species in space provided below**)
- ☐ Yellow Perch (*Perca flavescens*)

May be propagated and sold for human consumption and for sale to other facilities that **possess a valid Hold and Sell or Propagation Permit and a permit to Import and Possess Non-native (Exotic) Wildlife.**

- ☐ Mossambique Tilapia (*Tilapia mossambicuss*)
- ☐ Nile Tilapia (*Tilapia nilotica*)
- ☐ Blue Tilapia (*Tilapia aurea*)
- ☐ Zanzibar Tilapia (*Tilapia hornorum*)

Crayfish and Hellgrammites may be propagated and sold to individuals for bait, for aquarium use, or for commercial sale by individuals with a valid Hold and Sell permit. Crayfish may be sold for human consumption.

- ☐ Crayfish (**List specific species in space provided below**)
- ☐ Hellgrammites

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(Please use an additional sheet of paper for additional species)

Have you ever been convicted of violating any federal or state wildlife laws or wildlife-related regulations?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If "yes," year and nature of offense: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

By my signature above, I hereby certify that all entries made on this application are true and complete, and I agree and understand that any falsification of information herein, regardless of time of discovery, may result in denial or revocation of my permit.

Remit non-refundable application fee check for \$12.50 per year (payable to Treasurer of Virginia) and your completed application form (also enclose your annual report form where applicable, if applying for permit renewal) to: **Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries, Permit Section, P. O. Box 11104, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1104. (804) 367-9588**

**Permit Term January 1 through December 31**

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES**  
**PERMIT REQUIREMENTS TO POSSESS, PROPAGATE, BUY AND SELL CERTAIN WILDLIFE**

**CONDITIONS OF PERMIT**

Pursuant to 4 VAC 15-30-10 it shall be unlawful to import, export, buy, sell, offer for sale, or liberate within the Commonwealth any wild animal unless otherwise specifically permitted by law or regulation. Under authority of § 29.1-103 (11) and § 29.1-412 of the Code of Virginia, the **Possess, Propagate, Buy and Sell Permit** shall authorize the holder to buy, possess, propagate and sell certain wildlife for commercial use. A permit holder shall comply with all terms and conditions of any permit issued by the Department per Department Regulation 4 VAC 15-290-130.

**PERMIT INFORMATION**

1. **Application:** Application for a permit and an application fee (see subsection of this section) shall be submitted to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Permits and Lifetime Licenses Section, P. O. Box 11104, Richmond, VA 23230-1104. (All checks made payable to the "Treasurer of Virginia".)
2. **Term of Permit:** Propagation permits are issued on a calendar year basis and expire each December 31<sup>st</sup> and must be renewed annually. All permits will expire December 31<sup>st</sup>, regardless of date of issuance.
3. **Renewal:** It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to initiate any and all renewals.
4. **Authorized Stocks:** The following species are authorized for possession and sale by this permit:

**Amphibians** (4 VAC 15-360-50)

(The five species of frogs listed below can be sold in Virginia only to bona fide research or education institutions or processed for human consumption.

Bull Frog (Rana catesbeiana)

Green Frog (Rana clamitans melanota)

Southern Leopard Frog (Rana utricularia)

Green Tree Frog (Hyla cinerea)

\* Tongueless or Clawed Frog (Xenopus spp.) (4 VAC 15-30-40)

\* Must also obtain a permit to import non-native (exotic) wildlife

**Reptiles** (4 VAC 15-360-50)

Eastern Kingsnake (Lampropeltis getula getula)

Mole Kingsnake (Lampropeltis calligaster rhombomaculata)

Corn Snake (Elaphe guttata guttata)

**Game fish**

Species Authorized for Propagation: Trout (including all Salmonidae), all of the sunfish family (including largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and spotted bass, rock bass, bluegill and crappie), walleye, white bass, chain pickerel, muskellunge and northern pike (4 VAC 15-320-40) (§29.1-100).

- A. Gamefish can only be propagated and sold for stocking private ponds (without Department stocking authorization) (4 VAC 15-320-60) with the exception of trout (brown trout, brook trout, or rainbow trout) (4 VAC 15-330-190) which can sold for any purpose, with the exception on bait as stated below.
- B. Artificially raised rainbow trout may be sold as bait for use in the James and New rivers, and in impoundments (ponds, lakes and reservoirs), except impoundments listed as designated stocked trout waters, Lake Moomaw, and Philpott Reservoir. Persons possessing purchased rainbow trout for bait must have a valid invoice or bill of sale specifying date of purchase, the number of trout purchased, and name of an individual or business permitted to sell trout. (4 VAC 15 330-190D)
- C. Propagation and stocking of striped bass or hybrid striped bass are not covered under this permit. A permit must be obtained from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

#### **Non-game fish**

- A. Minnows and chubs (family Cyprinidae) (4 VAC 15-360-20)
- B. Catfish (family Ictaluridae, except madtoms) (4 VAC 15-320-40)
- C. Yellow Perch (Perca flavescens) (4 VAC 15-320-40)
- D. Tilapia \* (4 VAC 15-30-40)  
Mossambique Tilapia (Tilapia mossambicuss)  
Nile Tilapia (Tilapia nilotica)  
Blue Tilapia (Tilapia aurea)  
Zanzibar Tilapia (Tilapia hornorum)

**\* Must also obtain a permit to import non-native (exotic) wildlife**

#### **Aquatic invertebrates**

Crayfish and hellgrammites may be propagated and sold for bait, aquarium use, human consumption, or for sale by individuals with a valid Hold and Sell permit.

#### **5. Maximum Size Sale Requirement:**

No snakes exceeding the following maximum total lengths may be sold by permittee without prior authorization by the Department (4 VAC 15-360-50).

Eastern Kingsnake - 16 inches

Mole Kingsnake - 12 inches

Corn Snake - 16 inches

#### **6. Conditions of Sale:**

- A. Any sales of reptiles and/or amphibians authorized by this permit must be accompanied by a numbered bill of sale, and a copy of such bill shall be retained by the permittee.
- B. Authorized persons or businesses engaged in the resale of reptiles and amphibians acquired pursuant to this permit must retain all original bills of sale for such animal and would require a Hold and Sell Permit from this Department.

7. **Exceptions and Restrictions**

- A. Individuals wishing to commercially operate a fishing pond would require a Hold and Sell Permit from the Department. Further information on this permit type may be received by calling the Permits Section at (804) 367-9588.
- B. Possession and sale of goldfish does not require a permit.
- C. No species listed as threatened or endangered shall be possessed or sold (4 VAC 15-20-130, 15-20-140).
- D. It shall be unlawful to sell any species of madtom (*Noturus* sp.) and any species of salamander with the exception of nonnative newts (Salamandridae) (4 VAC 15-360-60).

8. **Record Keeping:** Permittee shall maintain detailed records which shall include an account of sales by date, purchaser, species and number or poundage sold. Records and receipts shall be retained by permittee for a period of one year.

Any person who shall artificially raise brown trout, brook trout or rainbow trout for sale shall keep a record of the number and species, the number raised or, if imported, from whom purchased (4 VAC 15-330-190B).

9. **Annual Report Requirement:** Propagators of permitted Tilapia shall submit an annual report containing certain information required by subsection 8 above to the Department by the date designated on the permit. Failure to submit the annual report may be grounds for non-renewal or revocation of an individual's permit.

10. **Prohibitions on Release of Stocks and Offspring to the Wild:**  
It shall be unlawful to stock any species of fish into any inland waters of the Commonwealth, without first obtaining written approval to do so from the Department (need Department stocking authorization form). Nothing in this section shall be construed as restricting the use of native and naturalized species of fish in privately-owned ponds and lakes (4 VAC 15-320-60). The permittee is expressly prohibited from releasing all other stocks or offspring to the wild.

11. **Inspections:** Authorized representatives of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries may make periodic inspections of the facility and stocks of each operation, and permittee shall allow such inspections at any reasonable time.

12. **Other Laws and Regulations:** This permit does not absolve the permittee of any responsibilities or conditions of any other federal, state, or local laws and regulations, including those that apply to threatened or endangered species.

13. **Compliance/Violation/Revocation**

- A. Regulation 4 VAC 15-290-130 states that a permit holder shall comply with all terms and conditions of any permit issued by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries pursuant to Title 29.1 of the Code of Virginia and the regulations of the board pertaining to hunting, fishing, trapping, attempting to take, possession, sale, offering for sale, transporting or causing to be transported, importing or exporting, propagating, exhibiting, and rehabilitating of any wild bird, wild animal or fish. The penalty for violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor unless another penalty is specified. Further, any violation of state or federal wildlife laws related to the permitted activities by the permittee, his/her agents or employees, or guests will constitute a violation of the conditions of the permit.
- B. As provided by 4 VAC 15-30-5, failure to comply with the provisions of a permit may result in the revocation or suspension of the permit for a period up to but not to exceed five (5) years. Any person whose permit is revoked, or suspended may appeal that decision in writing, to the Director, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, 4010 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230.

14. **Continuation of Permitted Activity:** Regulation 4 VAC 15-30-7 states that provided that the issuance of a permit renewal has been delayed past the expiration date of the permittee's previous permit at no fault of the applicant, the permittee may continue the specific activities authorized by the expired permit until the Department has acted on such person's application for renewal. To qualify for this allowance, applicants must submit a completed renewal application to the Department at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the permit. The Department may deny renewal of a permit to any applicant who fails to meet the issuance criteria set forth by the Department. Renewal applications will be mailed approximately two months in advance of the permit's expiration date.

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES**  
**ANNUAL REPORTING FORM FOR PROPAGATING AND SELLING OF TILAPIA**

(Report not needed for other species.)  
Return Report By Date Designated on the Permit

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ VDGIF PERMIT # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

**SALES OF OFFSPRING OR BROODSTOCK**

SPECIES	SOLD	
	NUMBER	POUNDS
Mossambique Tilapia		
Nile Tilapia		
Blue Tilapia		
Zanzibar Tilapia		

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TO:      **Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries**  
                     **Permit Section**  
                     **P. O. Box 11104**  
                     **Richmond, VA 23230-1104**